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Chamundi Hill multi-level parking to be completed by March

District Minister inspects works

Mysuru, Feb.4 (MTY&BCT)- The ongoing project of multi-level parking atop Chamundi Hill, where more than 600 cars can be parked, will be completed by this March end, said Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda.

Once the project becomes a reality, parking woes atop the Hill will be things of the past, he claimed.

Every day, an average of more than 10,000 people visit Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill, one of the famous tourist spots in Mysuru. The multi-level parking which is being constructed at a cost of Rs.79.9 crore can easily accommodate more than 600 cars.

The total area earmarked for the project is eight acres and the built-up area is 31,000 square meters. Though the foundation for the project was laid in April 2016, the work was delayed due to various hurdles and the actual work started in November 2016 and was to be completed in March 2017.

This morning, Devegowda visited the building and inspected the parking lot works.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer K.M. Prasad, Deputy Conservator of Forest Dr. Prashanth Kumar, Chamundi Village Panchayat Development Officer Poornima and other officials from Public Works Department (PWD).

Inspecting the works, the Minister said that environmentalists had filed several petitions against the multi-level parking works and all the hurdles have been cleared now. Also, there was a huge presence of rocks in the construction area and this delayed the works. He said that the pending works including the construction of parking platforms and concrete paths for vehicles to enter the parking lot will be completed by the end of March.

(See PARKING on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 & Alanahalli Survey No.41

Aggrieved residents to take out 'Bengaluru Chalo' on Feb.11

Mysuru, Feb.4 (RK&BCT)- Fed up over inordinate delay in deletion of 'B-Kharab' classification of lands coming under CITB and MUDA Layouts in Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41, the residents have planned a *'Bengaluru Chalo'* on Feb.11 to meet officials and Ministers concerned.

On that day, residents will leave city in special buses and reach the State Capital where they will meet Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Municipal Administration Minister C.S. Shivalli and Urban Development Minister U.T. Khader, Revenue Secretary and Urban Development Secretary. It was decided this morning at a meeting of aggrieved residents held at Hotel Siddharta in city.

The District Administration, in May 2015, had classified the land coming under the said survey numbers as 'B-Kharab' following which the MUDA and the MCC had stopped issuing land records such as Khata transfer, building plan approval, CR etc., of sites and other landed properties in CITB (now MUDA) developed Layouts of Siddarthanagar, Vidyanagar, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar, Alanahalli and Income Tax Layouts coming under the two Survey Numbers.

A total of 710.17 acres out of 1,543 acres has been declared as 'B-Kharab' in Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and 74 acres out of 175 acres has been declared as 'B-Kharab' in Alanahalli Survey No.41. These lands were taken over by CITB 70 years back to form Layouts. This action of the authorities had caused a lot of hardship to residents and property owners in these Layouts as they could not do any property transactions.

Addressing the meeting, BJP National Council Member and former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath, who is spearheading the cause of residents, said that they have been relentlessly fighting to get the land out of 'B-Kharab' and the State Government has not yet come up with a solution to end the nearly five-year row.

(See CHALO on page 8)

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Mysuru, Monday 4th February 2019

Between the devil and the deep sea

Given the tally of the desirables and, more importantly the undesirables on a number of counts, specially the sharply changing profiles of the country in general and the *elected* representatives of the people in particular, one is prompted to invoke the idiom *Between the devil and the deep blue sea,* in the context of the difficult situation staring at the major part of the land's diaspora. Keeping aside the set of desirable factors contributing to the nation's progress in different sectors of its economy such as nature's bounty and human resource endowed with skills, a constant assessment of the consequences of various undesirables is bound to be not only necessary but also rewarding, both in the short-term and in the long-term. Blaming the alien's misdeeds during their sway over the country for several centuries amounts to flogging the dead horse, unless lessons are learnt from that part of the country's history. The most important lesson points to the people succumbing to the well-known *divide 'n' rule* adopted by the aliens.

The guiding principles for both *ideal living* as applied to individuals and *order* as applied to society have been laid down by past savants of the land in various languages which are drummed into the ears of gatherings at discourses by scholars and public speakers with eloquence nowadays. However, the perceptible change in outlook on the part of the audiences seems to be barely marginal.

First and foremost undesirable happens to be negation of the meaning of *democracy* that the nation is identified for the task of governance. Its feature namely, rule *by* the people, *of* the people, *for* the people does not come anywhere near reality given the loudly demonstrated discord across the land between the government of the day (by *some* people) and the people at large on virtually every issue. The list of issues being addressed by the governments formed following polls to the various Legislative bodies starting from the nation's Parliament and getting noisy disagreement is a very long one. One such issue currently raging is the 10 percent reservation for the economically weaker sections other than those already coming under 50 percent reservation.

In the backdrop of the disturbing ambience created by one section of the population drawing the voice of the other section complying with the desirable definition of democracy, one is left with no clear answer to the question: Is democracy itself desirable for the welfare of the land and its citizens?

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Guess the most frequently asked question by Indians to Google Assistant? Google India has announced through its official Twitter handle that one of the most-often-asked questions to the artificial intelligence-powered smart speaker is "will you marry me?" If you thought that was the only such quirk of the average internet-wielding Indian, think again. A year ago, the US-based* Wall Street Journal *carried a report on how millions of "good morning" text messages and photos exchanged by Indians on social media at daybreak were freezing up smartphones.

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Insurance agent scams clients as Lord Voldemort

Singapore: An Singapore-based insurance agent was arrested after attempting to scam clients by sending them threatening letters signed by 'Lord Voldermort,' the main antagonist of the popular Harry Potter books.

Ye Lin Myint of Myanmar, working for the Singapore branch of an insurance company, targeted potential or former clients who rejected him in the past. They were either potential clients who had refused to get insurance policies from him, or former clients who hadn't turned up for scheduled appointments. In July of 2017, Ye used his wife's laptop to register an email account with a Switzerland-based email service that did not request any personal, using the name 'Lord Voldermort.' He then created a Bitcoin wallet and linked it to the email account and started sending threatening letters to his victims, requesting one Bitcoin in exchange for their safety and that of their families.

Marathon runner carries pup for 30 kms

Chombueng: A Thai marathon runner was in news recently for carrying a pup she found on the roadside for 30 kms.

Khemjira Klongsanun was 12 kms into the Chombueng marathon in western Thailand on Jan. 20, when she saw a puppy by the side of the road. Some runners ignored the adorable pub, but Khemjira stopped to check on it, thinking it had been abandoned. The marathon runner decided that this was an unsafe area for such a young, helpless animal, so she decided to pick it up and carry it all the way to the finish line. Running 30km with a puppy in your arms is harder than it sounds, the animal lover said, but it was definitely worth the effort!

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are stress and dementia related?

Sorry if this stresses you out, but a 40-year study that tracked women found that those exposed to the most stress in middle age (divorce, financial trouble, illness) were more likely to develop dementia. Commit to learning relaxation techniques and exercise to control your stress level.

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State-level Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan camp held

12 students selected for National-level event to be held in May 2019 at Hyderabad

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The two-day Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan - Karnataka State-level camp conducted at Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement's (SVYM) V-LEAD campus in Hebbal concluded with the valedictory address by A.S. Kiran Kumar, former Chairman, ISRO.

SVYM, started in 1984, is a development organisation working in the sectors of Health, Education, Socio-Economic Empowerment and Training & Research.

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is a national-level talent search exam, organised by Vigyan Prasar, Vijnana Bharati and NCERT, to popularise science and identify & nurture talented students from across the community. Nearly 1,44,000 students participated at the school and district-level exam across the country in Nov. 2018. The top 143 students from 6th to 11th grades from 19 districts of Karnataka were selected for this State camp.

The camp was inaugurated on by VSS Sastry, Mathematician and Origami Specialist, who with his innovative approaches to Math and teaching through Origami models kindled the students' love for Math and Science. The camp saw a participation of 122 students. The top two students from each grade (Std. 6th to 11th) have been selected to represent Karnataka at the National-level to be held on May 18 and 19 at Hyderabad.

A.S. Kiran Kumar spoke about the immense capacity of human mind to do whatever it determines to and the need to develop it. Later, he engaged the students in a Question-Answer Session.

Dr. Hemanth Pande, Co-Convener, Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan and Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder, SVYM, also spoke.

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—B. Yoganathsingh

Mysuru 31.1.2019

Road Safety Week from Feb. 4 to 10

Mysuru, Feb.4 - The Mysuru City Traffic Police will be observing 30th Road Safety Week under the theme *'Sadak Suraksha - Jeevan Raksha'* from Feb. 4 to Feb.10 to sensitise the public on various traffic rules and road safety measures.

The event will be inaugurated this evening at 5.30 near Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple by Principal District Sessions Judge Suresh K. Vontigodi.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna will preside. Representatives from various Departments including Tourism, PWD, Transport, KSRTC, Mysuru City Corporation, City Autorickshaw Drivers and Owners Union, Lorry Drivers and Owners Association, NGOs and Young Indians (Yi) will participate.

DCPs N. Vishnuvardhana and Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, ACP-Traffic G.N. Mohan and various traffic Police personnel will be present.

Open Marathon

City Traffic Police have organised an Open Marathon as part of Road Safety Week on Feb.5 at 6.30 am from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

The Marathon will pass through K R. Circle, Devaraja Urs Road, JLB Road, MUDA Junction, Ramaswamy Circle, 100 feet Road, Seetavilas junction, Sanskrit Patashala junction, Gun House Circle, Jayamarthanda Gate, Hardinge Circle and return to the starting point.

Interested citizens, students and non-government organisations can also take part. For details, contact the Office of ACP (Traffic) on Ph: 0821-2418525 or 2418325.

Open Marathon tomorrow

Paper presentation at Jaipur

Mysuru, Feb. 4- A Fulbrighter, Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, will be presenting a paper titled *"Dissenters in the select plays of Kuvempu"* at the XV International Conference of Indian Society for Theatre Research (The Indian Chapter of International Federation for Theatre Research).

"Discourses of Dissent: Exploring the Paradigms," an International Conference, organised by the School of Media & Communication, Manipal University, Jaipur, will be held from Feb. 7 to 9.

Dr. Purnima will also give a mono-acting show as part of the Cultural Evening at the Meet.

Lecture on GM Crops and Food Security tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 4-University of Mysore Alumni Association (UMAA) in collaboration with Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, has organised a special lecture on "GM Crops & Food Security" at Audio Visual Hall, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram, on Feb. 5 between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm.

Dr. Govindaraju, Principal of the College, will preside. Agricultural Scientist and President of UMAA, Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura will deliver the lecture.

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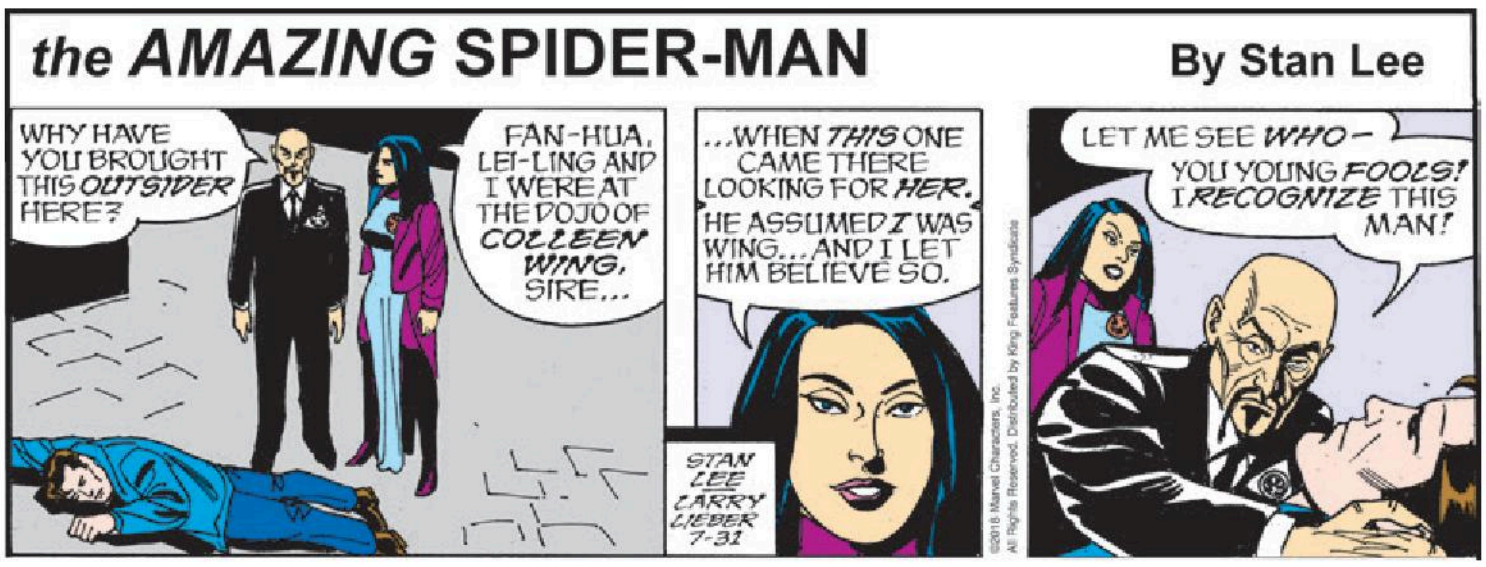
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NEWS BRIEFS

Stone-laying Ceremony

The Stone-laying Ceremony of Shree Arka Mahaganapathy Mandir will be held today (Feb.4) at Kaniyanahundi Gate, Bogadi-Gaddige Road at 3 pm. Yogi Srinivas Arka of Arka Foundation India and Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt, Udupi, will grace the occasion. District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar and Prakash Yogi of Prakash Yogi International Foundation, Bengaluru, will be the chief guests. Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President C.K. Mahendra will be the guest of honour. For details, contact Mob: 99003-37179.

Chutuku Kavigoshti

The Mysuru District Unit of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat will be conducting a Chutuku Kavigoshti on Feb.26. Interested poets can send entries along with three self-composed Chutuku to Rathna Halappa Gowda, No. 596, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, E&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru-22 before Feb.15. For details, call Mob: 98863-44524 or 98863-41957.

Hotel Owners Association Meet

Hotel Owners' Association has convened a Special Meeting of owners of all lodging and resorts & service apartments at Kuthethur Seetharama Bhavana, #1265, 1st Main, 2nd Cross Krishnamurthypuram, tomorrow (Feb.5) at 10 am. Agenda of the meeting is to address the OTA (Online Travel Agents) commission percentages and OTA new contract signing. For details, contact Mob: 70192-63129 or 99805-24242.

Health camp

The District Committee of Karnataka State Licensed Electrical Contractors Association will be conducting a free health check-up camp for electrical contractors and their family members, at Chikkamma Niketana Kalayana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, at 8.30 am on Feb.5. For details, call Mob: 98450-44950 or 99800-34045.

Admission to Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala

The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from children (boys) of economically backward, SC/ST communities and persons engaged in hazardous jobs, for admission to eighth standard (2019-20) at the city's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala. The admission will be through an entrance test and children currently studying in seventh standard (2018-19) are eligible to apply. The application forms are available at the Department offices in all taluks. The last date for applying is Mar.25.

Six arrested for city oil merchant's murder

Victim Senthil

Mysuru, Feb.4 (RK&BCT)- Five days after an oil merchant from city went missing and later found dead at a canal at Bannur, the Police have successfully cracked the case and have arrested six persons on charges of kidnap and murder.

The victim is 36-year-old Senthil and he was abducted and murdered by the gang after kidnapping him and collecting Rs.2.22 lakh from Senthil's nephew.

The accused have been identified as Sridhar of K.R. Mohalla, Manjunath alias Cholu of Metagalli, Manju alias Manjunath of Kumbarakoppal, Santhosh of Ittigegud, Imran Pasha alias Mayi and Imran alias Gabbar of Bannur.

Senthil, a palm oil vendor and a resident of Veene Seshanna Road at K.R. Mohalla (Fort Mohalla), was found dead at the dry Raja Parameshwari Canal in Bannur on Jan.29. Senthil had left his house on Jan.28 and the same day at around 10.45 pm, Senthil called his brother-in-law Nikhil over phone and told him to come near Gun House Circle with Rs.2.22 lakh cash. Nikhil was told that two persons would come to Gun House Circle on his (Senthil's) Suzuki Access scooter (KA-09 EZ-8138) and he should make sure about their identity and hand over the money.

Accordingly, Nikhil reached the Gun House Circle at around 11.30 pm with the cash and handed it over to two persons who had covered their face with a handkerchief. Later, as Senthil's phone was switched off, the family members assumed that he would have gone somewhere for his trade. Meanwhile, Bannur Police, who recovered a dead body established Senthil's identity through a document found on the body, informed K.R. Police. The family members later identified Senthil's body. Fearing that they may be caught, the accused killed Senthil before disposing his body in the canal. The accused, who had taken Senthil to a place under the pretext of holding business talks, had demanded a ransom of Rs.25 lakh.

Investigating the case, the Police traced Senthil's Call Detail Record (CDR) and one person from Manchegowdanakoppal was grilled and he told the Police that one Sridhar had taken the SIM card from him. The Police found out that Sridhar had made a couple of calls to Senthil using that SIM card. Later, Sridhar was arrested and he revealed the identity of five other accused.

Interrogation revealed that the accused had planned to extort money from Senthil who was doing well in business and also owned a godown to store oil. Sridhar called Senthil and told him that there was a big cooking oil godown owned by Imran of Bannur and asked him (Senthil) to visit the place.

Senthil readily agreed and Sridhar took him to Bannur where the other accused lay in wait. An unsuspecting Senthil fell into the trap and once he reached Bannur, the accused demanded Rs.25 lakh cash. Senthil told them that he does not have that much cash and told them that he could handover Rs.2.22 lakh.

Senthil then called his brother-in-law and asked him to hand over the money. Fearing that Senthil will inform the Police, the accused bludgeoned him to death.

Two nabbed for stealing valuables from car

Rs.62,600 cash, platinum, gold & silver articles worth about Rs.35,000 recovered

Md. Abran and Shaid Afrid

Mysuru, Feb.4 (KS)- Mandi Police, during their special operation on Feb.2 near Railway Station Circle, have arrested two persons on charges of stealing valuables from locked cars by opening the locks using duplicate keys and have recovered platinum, gold and silver articles worth about Rs.35,000 and Rs.62,600 cash from them.

The arrested are 22-year-old Mohammed Abran of Gandhinagar and Shaid Afrid of Mandi Mohalla. During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of stealing the above mentioned valuables and cash from locked cars by opening the locks with duplicate keys.

Accused Mohammed Abran has two cases in N.R. Police Station and one case in Vijayanagar Police Station registered against him.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and N.R. Sub-Division ACP C. Gopal, supervised Mandi Inspector L. Arun, NR Inspector B. Basavaraju and staff S. Jayakumar, Jayapal, M. Eliyas, Inayath Ulla Baig, Ravigowda and Shankar T. Bandivaddar in the nabbing and recovery operation.

H.D. Deve Gowda suffers ligament injury

Deve Gowda

Bengaluru, Feb.4- The former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has been advised rest for two weeks after he suffered an injury to his right knee in a washroom on Saturday.

After he complained of pain in the leg, he was rushed to Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, where he underwent an MRI scan. Institute Director C.N. Manjunath said his scan was normal. "He has only suffered a minimal ligament injury... We also did an ECG and ECHO test and all his parameters are normal," he said.

Gowda has only a ligament injury and not a tear or fracture, and thus has been advised rest along with some medication.

Mysuru youth drowns at Mallalli Falls

Skanda

Madikeri, Feb.4 (PS&KS)- A Mysuru youth, who had come on a trip along with his friends to Mallalli Falls at Somwarpet taluk in Kodagu, was drowned after he went for a swim yesterday.

The deceased youth is Skanda (24), son of Shankar, Asst. Registrar, University of Mysore and Revathi, residents of Vivekananda Circle in Mysuru.

Skanda, who was working at a private firm in Bengaluru, had come to the falls along with his friends on a weekend trip.

Local residents, after searching for his body for sometime, succeeded in fishing out his body.

Deceased Skanda, along with his 11 colleagues, reached Mallalli Falls at about 11 am yesterday. Though the authorities had put up a warning board against venturing into the waters as it is banned, Skanda is said to have ignored the warning and climbed down the falls for a swim and was swept away by strong current and was drowned.

Soon, his colleagues informed the 'Tourist Friend' staff, who rushed to the spot along with local villagers and launched a search to fish out the body. After searching for a few hours, the villagers were able to trace Skanda's body and fished it out.

Somwarpet Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to Somwarpet General Hospital where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to his relatives.

Burglar evades Court hearing since six years; caught

Ifthikar

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (SBD&KS)- An accused, who had various cases against him and not attending the hearings at Court since six years, was nabbed by Udayagiri Police yesterday.

The arrested is 26-year-old Mohammed Ifthikar alias Giddu, a resident of Indira Gandhi Road in K.N. Pura here.

Ifhikar had more than seven cases registered against him pertaining to chain snatching, mobile phone thefts and house burglaries at Nazarbad and Udayagiri Police limits in city. As he was not attending the Court for hearings since six years, the Court had issued a Warrant against him.

On Feb. 3, Udayagiri Police, who got information that Ifthikar was attempting to sell a gold chain and a mobile phone on Mahadevapura Road in Shanthinagar, arrested him and recovered a gold chain worth about Rs. 30,000 and a mobile phone worth about Rs. 15,000 from him.

On Nov. 11, 2018, at about 6.15 pm, Ifthikar had snatched a Samsung Galaxy mobile phone of one Dr. A.N. Padma at Vidyashankar Layout and on Jan. 16, 2019, at about 8.45 pm, he had snatched a gold chain weighing about 10 grams of one Bojamma behind the RTO office in Shakthinagar. Cases were registered against him at Udayagiri Police Station. The recovered gold chain and the mobile phone belong to the above cases.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and Devaraja Sub Division ACP Gajendraprasad supervised Udayagiri Inspector P.P. Santosh, SI M. Jayakeerthi and staff M.M. Babu, M. Shankar, Manjunath, Krishna, Siddique Ahmed and Mohan Kumar took part in the nabbing and recovery operation, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

PU students groomed on exam preparations

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (RK&US)- The Department of PU Education, District PU Lecturers Association and District PU College Principals Association had organised a workshop to eliminate fear and apprehension of examination for PU college students of the district at Senate Hall in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

About 500 students attended the programme who were groomed by Resource persons on quality-based preparation for examination without foregoing cultural and sports activities.

Addressing the students MLC K.T. Srikantegowda advised the students not to burn the midnight oil in preparing for the examination but instead browse the question papers of previous years and tackle every question. He asked the students to go in for a quality-based learning, grasping the core of the subject.

Inaugurating the programme District Minister G.T. Devegowda opined that teachers too should adapt to changes in the education system. He asked the students to practise yoga and meditation to improve concentration. He said that it was being contemplated to introduce training in job skills along with education to improve the employable prospects of candidates.

DDPUE Dr. Dayanand, Principal and lecturers of various PU colleges were present.

Abuse of minor: Three Pastors booked under POCSO

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The Narasimharaja Police have filed an FIR against three pastors from Mangaluru on charges of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl. They have been booked under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act along with kidnap and abuse in the name of caste under the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act.

The action follows a High Court directive based on the plea of the victim's mother who is based in Mysuru. The High Court had issued directives to a local Court, which in turn, asked the Mysuru City Police Commissioner to initiate action on the basis of the petition.

The pastors are the residents of Balmatta in Mangaluru and the girl's mother had told the Court that the pastors had allegedly promised her a job at a nursing home in Mangaluru and had taken her with them in November last year.

The complainant told the Court that the pastors had also promised Rs. 1 lakh to her to build a house. She alleged that her daughter was forced to do household chores and was sexually assaulted too. She also alleged that her daughter was kept under house arrest and was threatened against informing anyone. Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Narasimharaja Assistant Commissioner of Police C. Gopal said that the complainant's address has not been found but an FIR has been registered based on the directives from Court and they are investigating.

Joint Legislature Party Meeting of coalition partners on Feb. 6

Bengaluru, Feb.4- With 'Operation Lotus' to poach Congress-JD(S) MLAs looming large, the coalition partners in the State Government — JD(S) and Congress , will be holding a joint legislature party meeting at a private hotel in Bengaluru on Feb. 6.

The Joint Legislature Party (JLP) meeting assumes significance as at least four Congress MLAs have remained incommunicado for the party leaders.

The four Congress MLAs— Umesh Jadhav, Mahesh Kuntalli, B. Nagendra and Ramesh Jarakiholi, a former Minister, were issued show-cause notice by the KPCC for failing to attend Congress Legislature Party meeting that was held over a week ago.

Now, the State Congress leadership, which had issued show-cause notice to the four MLAs, is mulling on petitioning the Assembly Speaker seeking disqualification of the four MLAs who have turned rebel after being upset with the party high command for ignoring them.

Following the JLP meeting, the Legislators of both the parties will attend a luncheon to be hosted by Deputy Chief Minister. All the MLAs and MLCs of both the parties have been extended an invitation for the luncheon.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will present the Budget on Feb. 8.

Meanwhile, the opposition BJP, which is looking to dislodge the coalition Government ahead of the Feb. 8 Budget presentation, is said to be on touch with a few Congress Legislators.

Rider killed in car-bike collision

Jeebran Hussain

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (SPN&KS) - An 18-year-old bike rider was killed when a car collided head-on with the bike at Chamundi Hill here yesterday night.

The deceased bike rider is Jeebran Hussain, son of Jameel Ahmed, Vice-President of Wakf Board and a resident of Subashnagar in city.

Jeebran, who had been to the hill on his KTM bike, was coming down the hill and when he was taking a turn near the newly installed gate, a Maruti 800 car which was coming in the opposite direction collided head-on with the bike resulting in Jeebran suffering serious injuries.

He breathed his last while being shifted to a hospital, according to the Police. A case has been registered at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station in this regard.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Asar at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle.

Obituary

Biddanda N. Nanjappa

Mysuru, Feb.4- Biddanda N. Nanjappa (63), a resident of Brigade Horizon, Nazarbad, passed away this morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Cauvery, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Pailwan Shivakumar

Pailwan Shivakumar alias Ayya (47), a resident of Kumbarakoppal in city, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mangaluru following heart attack.

Shivakumar had gone to Dharmasthala along with his family where he suffered a heart attack and was rushed to a hospital in Mangaluru, where he breathed his last.

A national-level wrestler and a Kabbadi player, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Shivakumar was also the Hon. Secretary of Kumbarakoppal Abhyudaya Sangha.

Last rites were performed this noon at Kumbarakoppal Burial Grounds here, according to family sources.

Cattle thief nabbed

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (RK&KS)- Villagers have managed to catch one of the three cattle thieves, who had come to steal cows at Shivapura village near Srirampura and have handed him over to the Police last night.

The alleged cattle thief who was caught by the villagers is 24-year-old Mudasir, a resident of Rajivnagar in city.

Mudasir, along with two others were attempting to steal a cow tied in a cowshed near Ashwini Kalyana Mantap in the village when the villagers surrounded them. While two of Mudasir's accomplices managed to escape in the dark, the villagers caught hold of Mudasir and handed him over to Vidyaranyapuram Police.

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Prosperous roof designs

Home design, decor and feel are all interconnected and from the perspective of Indian science of Vastu and Oriental art Feng Shui, its vital to have a building vibrant and active to benefit the occupants.

Designing homes or buildings with good facade, decor and colours adds to the prosperity of not just the building but the occupants too.

A good building is an aesthetic delight and for the occupants it exudes happiness, comfort and better quality of life and Feng Shui designs help to a large extent to achieve this. Even house roof design style is an important element. Feng Shui is the ancient art of designing home interiors, house exterior and yard landscaping. Hence, getting the facade, roof line and colours right would have a overall benefit for the home and the occupants.

The science of Feng Shui helps in creating pleasant architectural designs and a harmony through proper interiors and colours. It is said that the right roof style is important to attract wealth and good luck.

Ancient science of Feng Shui recommends that a good home design has to have windows that symbolise eyes, the front door representing the mouth, and the roof design signifying the crown or head. All these three factors combine to protect the occupants and allow the passage of good flow of energy.

The proper design of the roofing, style and colours should add value to the facade and the exterior. Roof design should be solid, although the ideal roof design should have rounded edges. The round roof styles represent continuity, infinity and the curvy details add softness to the design.

From the Feng Shui perspective, the rectangular roof styles and sloped roof designs represent wisdom, perseverance, determination, ability to communicate and passion for traveling. Pyramidal roof styles and roofs with four sides evolve spiritual and creative activities. The space under the pyramidal roof generates a powerful increase of positive energy and stimulates the flow.

Roofs which are caved-in and sunken with inner slopes from the edges symbolically cut houses into parts. These roof design styles create a negative impact especially in terms of family relationships and wavy designs that starts high above the front door and gently falls to the back end of the building and such designs indicate a prosperous start and a rapid decline of wealth.

Waking up in the morning, a beautiful flower blooming in the garden creates a sense of joy, rejuvenation and hope for a better day in the minds of the occupant. The colours we see in the garden and the flowers are the reflection of the colours and when each flower and plant reflect different colours, there is a hue of colours which affects in different ways, similarly by using the appropriate colours for the roofing, Feng Shui can transform the energy to create harmony.

The balance between the colours are nothing but the balancing of natures energies known as Yin and Yang or in other words strong and weak.

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A concert with vibrant voice, unflinching enthusiasm

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, has cultivated the practice of honouring a senior musician with the title 'Nadabrahma' every year in the month of January. In the search to recognise young talents it also conducts 'Nadakishorotsava' and the winner is entitled for the title 'Nadakishora' or 'Nadakishori' on the occasion.

This year, senior vocalist R.K. Padmanabha was chosen for the 'Nadabrahma' title. Shreya Kolattaya from Puttur was the winner of 'Nadakishorotsava' and was conferred the title 'Nadakishori' on the 6th of January. As is the practice, she also presented a Karnatak concert on the previous day.

The honouring ceremony was followed by the concert by **R.K. Padmanabha (RKP).** He was accompanied by **C.N. Chandrashekhar** on violin, **Cheluvaraju** on mridanga and **G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata.

R.K. Padmanabha is known for his voice and his unflinching enthusiasm. His vibrant voice which traverses fluently in all the ranges keeps the audience captivating throughout his concert. Age seems to be only a number to this musician.

In the present concert, Padmanabha presented a variety of compositions. Keeping with the tradition of presenting the RTP in the same raga as the Varna, he commenced the concert with his own varna in Brindavana Saranga set to Adi tala.

'Abhimanamennadu' by Patnam Subramanya Iyer in Begade was prefixed by a short alapana and elaborate swaras to the pallavi portion.

RKP likes to converse during his concerts. He spoke of the approach to the kriti 'Bhajare Manasa Sri Raghuveeram' by Mysore Vasudevachar in comparison with Tyagaraja's 'Nagumomu' and explained the mood of the raga in both the compositions.

'Vishweshwar dashan kar chalo man tum kashi' in Sindhu Bhairavi, normally taken up in concerts in the post-tani part, was surprisingly taken in the middle of the concert and swaras too were developed for the pallavi.

An ardent devotee of Saint Vadiraja, RKP always makes it a point to render at least one of his devaranamas in every concert. This time he presented 'Gopala Kaheya Neenu' in Poorvikalyani, which was also prefixed with the ugaboga 'Bagilali Biddiha Bhajakanu Naanu.'

The pallavi was special, set to Mishra Jhampe in two different kalais. The laghu part was in two kalais while the Dhruta part was in a single kalai. It was to this complicated tala that the percussionists had to provide taniyavartanam, which they happily did bringing joy to both the main artiste and the audience.

The sahitya of the pallavi was set in praise of the Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and of course it was composed by the vocalist. The kalpana swaras were also challenging as ragas close to Brindavana Saranga were chosen — Madhyamavati and Sri, which, if not alert, could easily mislead one back to the original. The adept vocalist excelled here with his concentration, experience and mastery. Manirang could also have been chosen in the series. A shloka on Goddess Sharada led to 'Shringapuradheeshwari Sharade' (RKP) in Yamuna Kalyani, which beautifully suits the composition.

The concert ended with a tillana in sindhubhairavi.

Maharani's Science College Alumni Meet held

Mysuru, Feb.4 (US)- The Annual get-together of Maharani's Science College Alumni Association was held recently at the College premises.

Inaugurating the programme, retired Director of Oriental Research Institute (ORI) Dr. H.P. Devaki shared her pleasant experiences as an alumnus of the College and advised students to set high goals.

Delivering the keynote address, Association President Dr. D. Sheela Kumari said that the Association was awarding many prizes for the students and added that many people had contributed funds to the institute endowment prizes.

Manasagangothri Zoology Professor Dr .B.V. Shyamala spoke on her student days at the College.

Indira Nayar contributed Rs.25,000 to the Association.

College Principal S.B. Shanthappanavar presided.

Association Members presented a cultural programme.

Geeth Gaatha Chal draws packed house...

Doctors sing, dance their way into audience's hearts

Mysuru, Feb.4 (YDS&NNN)-It was 'Doctors Day' alright as the medicine they dispensed was full of love, laughter, joy and above all, melody. There was never a dull moment as the songs kept oozing out of the mouth of the old and young doctors that the audience seemed to just lap up, at Kalamandira last evening.

The occasion was the 18th Edition of Doctors' Musical Nite *Geeth Gaatha Chal*, an annual event sponsored by Dr. Jagannath Shenoy, noted industrialist and philanthropist and his wife Kusuma Shenoy. In all, there were 30 popular songs in both Hindi and Kannada including group dance and it was doctors all the way singing their hearts out to the delight of the listeners.

Noted singer Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, before beginning the programme with the song *'Ee Desha Chanda'* from the Kannada movie *Kaveri* (1975) paid homage to Siddaganga Seer Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. The next song was a Hindi number *'Thora mann Darpan Kehalai'* by veteran singer Dr. A.L. Hemalatha, followed by another ever-smiling veteran singer Dr. P.A. Kushalappa with the song *'Mujhe Thumse Mohabbat hai'* and even as he began, the audience encouraged him with claps.

Then soulful melodies followed with Dr. Snehashree Nirmal Kumar singing *'Ehasan Tera,'* Dr. Sushma Krishna Murthy *'Tera Mera Pyar Amar'* and Arathi Rao *'Kehana hai kya.'*

Dr. Natashekhar and his daughter Apoorva Natashekhar followed this up with a popular duet in Kannada *'Jeeva Veene Neenu'* that was followed by two Hindi duets — Dr. Ganesh Rao - Dr. Snehashree singing *'In Hawao Mein'* and Dr. Kushalappa - Kavitha Niyath singing *'Ek Pyar Ka Nagma Hai.'*

Then was the turn of singer Sparsha Shenoy, who sang *'Surmain Akhiyomein'* and then the Kannada number *'Ninnindale ninnidale'* from the movie *Milana* by Dr. G.D. Ravikumar.

Dr. Ganesh with a *peta* and a *panche* sang the Kannada number *'Naaniruvude Nimagaagi'* from the film *Mayura* thus touching the hearts of Kannadigas.

Kavitha singing *'Sevanthige Chendinantha Muddukoli'* which never fails to tug at the hearts of the listeners was no different this time and the two Hindi numbers, one a duet *'Is Mod Pe'* by Dr. Somnath Vasudev - Dr. Seethalaxmi Somnath and the solo number *'Jaane Kaha Gaye Woh Din'* from *Mera Naam Joker* by Dr. U.G. Shenoy took one back to 1970s. The other numbers *'Bhaya na Dharo'* by Dr. R.L. Varsha, *'Kora Kagaz tha ye man mera'* by Pruthvi Shankar and Ranjitha, *'Tuhi Meri Mandir'* by Apoorva, *'Kabhi Kabhi Mere Dil Mein'* by Dr. Natashekhar, *'Rahe Na Rahe Hum'* by Dr. Amrutha Upadhya were all a delight to the listeners' ears.

As Sparsha Shenoy danced to the most lilting song *'Pank ho thithi ud jaati'* sung by Dr. Hemalatha, 12 male and female dancers danced to well-choreographed steps drawing the appreciation of houseful audience.

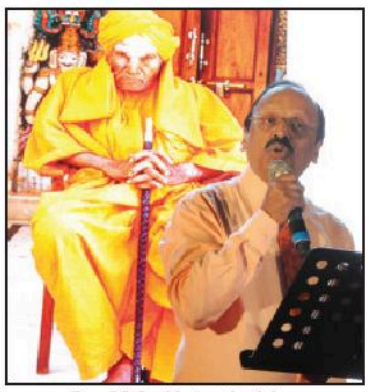
Dr. S.K. Ghori, himself a popular singer, Ganabharathi President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan and a few other doctors were also seen tapping their feet to a popular number in colourful costumes.

Dr. Upendra Shenoy, Chief of Medical Services and well-known Cardiac Surgeon of Columbia Asia Hospital, was the chief guest. Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director (Academics), JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, was the Organising Chairperson. Syed Aftab Ahmed compered. Dr. C. Umesh Kamath of Kamakshi Hospital, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem and others were present.

Dr. Jagannath Shenoy and Kusuma Shenoy, who have been sponsoring this annual event since 18 years, were felicitated along with Dr. Upendra Shenoy couple on the occasion.

Dr. Upendra Shenoy and Nita Shenoy seen with Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath and Dr. Jagannath Shenoy couple.

Dr. A.L. Hemalatha



Dr. M.S. Natashekhar

Kavitha Niyath

Dr. Kushalappa and Priya Kushalappa

Geeth Gaatha Chal Musical Ensemble that performed at Kalamandira last evening seen with the guests, sponsors and organisers.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Civet Coffee from Coorg:
Rich man's dream coffee !

I had heard of people taking their pet dogs for walk in the parks, roads or footpaths for exercise. Also to prevent the animal from committing nuisance, easing itself, at the owner's house with eyeful of its poop. I also see these dog-walkers daily in my area walking back with a wry smile once the dog does with its pooping, squatting on its hind legs. The poop would lie as a heap on the lawn of the park, walk-way or on the footpath for the unwary morning walkers like me to stamp on, grimace, curse the owners of the dog and move on...

It was in 1992 at the famous Central Park, New York, I was amused to see people armed with a bag and a scoop walk around with their dogs. It was around noon and I was surprised. I made a gentle enquiry with my friend M.P. Prabhakaran, a local resident. In his typical and critical way he said, "Americans are a different species and they often do things differently. You would not be surprised if you find them here at midnight with their pets, the dog, the bag to collect the poop and the scoop. By the way, did you find anywhere in the park any poop fresh or dried ? No. That's America..."

Before he could denigrate India I interrupted, "That's why you left India. But where is your dog?" I guffawed.

If the pet-dog's poop is to be despised and discarded, there is another animal's poop that is sought after specially in places where coffee plantations are found. My friend **N. Raghavan** of the pharmacy *Raghulal & Co.,* who keeps sending medicines for my family regularly, last night sent me a packet with an amusing note, "For your use only." With apologies to James Bond, 'For your eyes only.' It was not medicine. Rather a surprise packet. It was Wild Civet Coffee. Wonder, why the word 'wild'? After all, civet cats are wild. Never domesticated. Let it be.

I have been reading about this super-special civet coffee quite for a few years now though not seen or tasted. Now thanks to Raghavan. Since a few years I have been looking for this animal or its shit with coffee seeds submerged in it in my own plantation at Kutta, Kodagu, without luck. This animal looks like a cat with a long fluffy tail *(see pic.)* and is both carnivorous and herbivorous found in Central Africa, Indonesia and also in other parts of the world and in Karnataka. In the coffee season they eat ripened coffee fruits (cherry or berries) and poop out the seeds that don't digest. Civet coffee is the coffee seeds that civet cats excrete after consuming the fleshy berries. An enzyme present in the nocturnal animal's gut and also in the anal glands produces a strong musky perfume.

Raghavan tells me that a Kodagu planter, **Thamoo Poovaiah,** is producing this Civet Coffee and marketing it through his partnership firm Coorg Consolidated Commodities (CCC).

There seems to be two issues being discussed about this unique coffee. One, its cost. As much as Rs. 25,000 per kg in foreign market. Real crazy. While it is Rs. 900 for 100 gms of Civet Coffee, it is Rs. 30 for 100 gms of regular coffee available in the market.

Two, cruelty to the animal. It seems civet cats are caught and caged so that they could be fed with coffee berries and collect the poops in plenty. The second allegation is being rubbished by Poovaiah as not true. Of course, NOT in Kodagu. It is obvious more the population of these civet cats, the more Civet Coffee for people like Poovaiah.

Many years ago, I had been to William Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon in England and took a walk along the road in front of Shakespeare's house. I was surprised to find many shops selling coffee seeds — raw and roasted — and, of course, powder. Each variety was branded, like 'Mountain Grown Colombian Coffee', 'Kenya Special Coffee', Vietnam etc. But I could not find India's name anywhere.

In 1950s and 1960s I used to see a display publicity board kept in Coffee Houses at Bengaluru. The board had the image of an old man in typical North-Indian attire with a Hindu religious mark on the forehead and a long white beard along with a steaming hot cup of coffee. The text simply read: "Both are Indian." Gone are those days of coffee and the way it was promoted...

Thamoo Poovaiah

Now we have Civet Coffee. Good luck to Thamoo Poovaiah and dear Raghu. Enjoy this non-vegetarian coffee with the strong musky perfume hitting your nostrils !!

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PM Modi digitally launches RUSA projects

Mysuru, Feb.4- Prime Minister Narendra Modi digitally launched the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) projects in the city from Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar yesterday through video conference. He launched the projects at St. Philomena's College, JSS College for Women and University of Mysore's 'University Career Hub' at Rani Bahadur Auditorium.

In his address, the PM said, "The youth of the nation must stop flying abroad for jobs, and the foreigners should come to India for employment opportunities. This is my dream."

The institutions which have received the RUSA grant include St. Philomena's and JSS College for Women both of which have received Rs.5 crore each and Mysore University Rs. 50 crore.

Speaking on the occasion after inaugurating 'University Career Hub,' Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda said that University of Mysore must develop the best career guidance and skill development training centre and thus become a model for the entire State.

MP Pratap Simha said that the outdated syllabus being taught in State Universities must change and the Higher Education Department must come forward to take the initiative.

"Besides, the technology has changed so much that when I was a student we were watching cinemas through video cassettes. Later, the CDs and DVDs came. Now, through YouTube we can easily download the cinemas we want to watch. Even in the media there are lot of technological changes. Thus there is a big technological revolution in the country. However, in our Universities the old syllabus is being followed which is a sad development," he said.

"We are now in the digital era. The Prime Minister has digitally launched the 'University Career Hub' in one of the oldest Universities in the country. The mobile phones we possess have itself become a knowledge centre. Higher Education must also keep pace with the digital development," he added.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said the Digital India scheme is a necessity for every student in the country. The earlier one learns to become digital-friendly and to teach digitally, better it is as it helps Varsities to grow faster, he said and added the Hub will be utilised to help students to improve their skills, career guidance and for training purposes.

MLA L. Nagendra, Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. J. Somashekar, Syndicate Member Sahana and others were present.

'Bengaluru Chalo' on Feb. 11

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"The Chief Minister's Office (CMO), vide its letter No. CM/52430/REP-4EM/2018 dated Sept. 17, 2018, has directed the MUDA Commissioner to take further action in respect of the previous Siddharamaiah Government's Cabinet decision on leaving out Siddarthanagar and Alanahalli, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar and Income Tax Layouts from 'B-Kharab' classification. Despite this, no action has been taken," he told the meeting.

"Unfortunately, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy too did not act despite assuring the residents when they met him to resolve the deadlock. The lands had been purchased by over 25,000 people from MUDA (then CITB) in 1970s. However, they are yet to get land records, in spite of them being legal owners of the land. Hence, everything had come to a standstill as they are neither able to sell their houses nor build extra floors for the past three years," he said.

"The issue must be solved soon as next month, the Lok Sabha Poll Schedule is likely to be announced and once the Election Code of Conduct comes into force, nothing will move at the Government level. Numerous demonstrations and stirs have not yielded any result and we hope the problem will be resolved after the *Bengaluru Chalo,"* Manjunath added.

Addressing the meeting, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra said that he would raise the issue in the Assembly and request the Speaker to allot at least one hour to discuss the issue.

Former MLA Vasu, Advocate Harish Kumar Hegde, Hotelier P.V. Giri, Corporator Roopa and others were present.

Power tariff revision opposed

KERC to hold public hearing tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.4 (RK&SR) - The members of Mysore Industries Association (MIA) have decided to oppose the proposed power tariff revision filed by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) for the year 2019-20.

Addressing a press conference at a private hotel in city this morning, MIA President and former MLA Vasu said that MIA had already filed its written objections to Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) and decided to oppose the same at a public hearing organised by KERC at Deputy Commissioner's Office on Feb.5 at 11 am. KERC Chairman and other officials will be hearing from industrialists tomorrow.

MIA President Vasu addressing a press meet in city today as former President P. Vishwanath and General Secretary Sureshkumar Jain look on.

However, he said that MIA will urge KERC to dismiss the CESC appeal to hike the power tariff on industries. He alleged that CESC has been running under loss as it is unable to recover dues from Gram Panchayats, other local bodies, power theft, distribution loss, other lapses, but was unnecessarily burdening the consumers and industrialists because of its mismanagement.

He also alleged that were lot of complaints filed by farmers and public regarding the durability of power transformers installed by CESC.

"The power transformers installed by private agencies work up to 10 years without much complaints, but power transformers installed by CESC receives complaints within two years of installation," he said.

The power tariff revision will sound death knell to small scale industries in Mysuru which are already suffering due to erratic power supply and other reasons.

Vasu condemned Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for violating its norms by allotting industrial plots to set up educational institutions, cinema theatres, hotels, pubs, bar and restaurants thus violating its norms. Government should ensure the industrial plots be allotted to genuine industrialists, he said.

He also alleged that KIADB was also demanding exorbitant prices for the land it had allotted to various industries in Koorgalli Industrial Area.

"KIADB is demanding Rs 1.5 crore for one acre of land allotment. KIADB had purchased the land from farmers at the rate of Rs.17.5 lakh for one acre of land and developed Koorgalli Industrial Area after promising to provide land to industries at the rate of Rs. 50 lakh per acre. However, MIA will oppose this excess price demand of KIADB land", Vasu said.

Chamundi Hill multi-level parking to be completed by March

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"You will see vehicles lined up along the road for more than a mile as the parking slots are full, especially on Fridays, when devotees throng the temple. This will not be the scene once the parking lot is inaugurated," GTD said.

The road leading from the parking lot to the main road will be widened and once the construction is completed, the existing bus stand will be shifted to new place. The space to house the bus stand has been earmarked next to the parking lot. There are three levels in the multi-level parking lot and 600 cars can be parked, the Minister said.

A separate building has been constructed to accommodate vendors of flowers, puja material and fruits and all the temple vendors will be shifted there on the lines of Tirupati Temple, he said and added that there are 116 shopping outlets inside the building for the vendors to set shop. The shopping complex will help decongest the main street.

For the convenience of devotees, a 500-metre walkway has been constructed from the parking lot to the temple. This walkway is covered at the top to protect the devotees from sun and rain.

"I have asked the officials to look into the possibility of building an escalator from the parking lot to the temple for the convenience of physically challenged and elderly devotees," he added.

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Intelligence of caretakers, key for taking care of pachyderms: IGP

Mysuru, Feb.4 (MTY&DM)- A five-day National-level training programme for capacity building of Mahouts began at Mysuru Zoo here this morning.

The programme is organised in collaboration with Central Zoo Authority (CZA), New Delhi, for the Mahouts and Kavadis working at 10 Zoos in seven States of the country.

IGP (Southern Range) K.V. Sharath Chandra addressing.

Speaking after inaugurating the training programme, IGP (Southern Range) K.V. Sharath Chandra said that Mahouts and Kavadis perform a tricky and complex job in taking care of gigantic elephants. Pointing out that the intelligence of elephant's care takers hold key for tackling and taking care of pachyderms, he said that such programmes are surely going to help the mahouts in honing their skills.

Referring to Dasara procession, where the role of mahouts are very vital as elephants are taken in a procession in the presence of lakhs of people, Sharath Chandra said the skills of Mahouts and Kavadis are put to test on such occasions.

Observing that the job of a Mahout is not easy and totally different from other type of jobs, the IGP called upon the Mahouts to learn the latest methods in elephant handling.

B.P. Ravi, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) who presided, said that Mahouts must ensure that they maintain a good relationship with the elephants that they are taking care of. Highlighting that taking utmost care of elephants is the crux of a Mahouts job, he said that this programme will surely help the Mahouts in upgrading their skills.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit Kulkarni, in his address, said that taking all-round care of elephants in zoos is the biggest challenge for Mahouts as they have to take care of the elephants in a restricted space.

He further said that Mahouts and Kavadis have more responsibilities than everyone else in zoos in taking care of elephants.

Zoo Deputy Director Manjunath, Assistant Director Dr. Ramesh, Dr. T.S. Rajiv, Director, Centre for Elephant Studies, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Thrissur and others were present. 35 mahouts from across the country are taking part in this programme, which concludes on Feb.8.

Free health camp by Machideva Society

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Machideva Co-operative Society, Kuvempunagar, will be conducting a free health check-up camp for its members, their family members and others at Sougandhika Park on Adichunchangiri Road here on Feb.6 (Wednesday) from 9 am. The camp will be conducted in association with Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Suyog Hospital and Oticare Speech & Hearing Clinic.

The Society will also be conducting computer classes in association with Manipal Institute of Computer Education, Saraswathipuram for its members and their children. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4525477 or Mob: 98456-27421.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation has filed an application for approval of annual performance review for FY-18 and application for approval of aggregate annual revenue requirement (ARR/ERC) for the 5th control period under MYT frame work for FY-20-FY-22 and revision for tariff for FY-20 before the Hon'ble KERC on 30.11.2018. The Hon'ble Commission is conducting the public hearing at the Court Hall of the Deputy Commissioner Office, Mysore on 05.02.2019 at 11.00AM. All interested persons are requested to participate in public hearing.

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Schools celebrate Annual Day

SUPREME PUBLIC SCHOOL, KANAKADASANAGAR: Supreme Sabhramotsava, the 11th Annual Day celebrations of the School was held at the School premises recently.

Arka Foundation President Arka Srinivas inaugurated the celebrations in the presence of Pramathi Hillview Academy Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Magician Magic Ranga, Director of Mining Department Vasu, comedian Bank Janardhan, School President Dr. Ravindraswamy Dodmane and Secretary Manjula Ravindraswamy.

School Principal Jagadeesh welcomed the gathering. School President Dr. Ravindraswamy Dodmane presided over the programme. Saritha compered the programme.

Cine star, comedian Bank Janardhan entertained the audience with his movie dialogues on the request of the audience.

School students entertained the audience by performing folk dance, drama, yakshagana and songs.

Programme started with 6th and 7th standard girls, dressed themselves as Nava Durga, performing dance for songs on Goddess Chamundeshwari. 'Dashavathara' was shown in the form of dance on the stage.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL, NAGUVANAHALLI GATE: The Annual Day of St. Francis School was celebrated recently. Most Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Bishop of Mandya, was the chief guest. Mrs. Universe Preeti Chouksey was the special guest of honour. BEO (Srirangapatna) Rukshana Nazneen presided over the function. Over 1,500 people participated. School Principal Rev. Fr. P.C. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks. Children presented cultural programmes.

'Sangeetha Nrithyotsava' held

Natya Sangeethalaya Research Institute (NSRI) had organised 'Sangeetha Nrithyotsava' recently to mark its 11th anniversary celebrations. NSRI Director Vid. Guruprasad inaugurated the programme. About 40 students of the Institute presented a classical music programme. Retired Bank Manager Satyanarayana Murthy was the chief guest. Vidu. H.S. Mahalakshmi, Vidu. H.S. Yadugiri and Vidu. Lalitha M. Rao were felicitated on the occasion. Krishne Dance School Director Dimple and her students presented a dance programme.

Mysore Varsity Yoga Team for All India Championship

A group photo of men and women representing University of Mysore (UoM) at the All India Inter-University Yoga Men and Women Championship 2018-19, jointly organised by University of Madras, Chennai and Sri Sankara Arts and Science College (Autonomous) at Sri Sankara Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Kanchipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from Feb.4 to 8. Seen are (from left - standing) J. Madhu, JSS College, Nanjangud, S.N. Prajwal, Maharaja's College, Mysuru, N.C. Subhash, SBRR MFGC, Mysuru, K.L. Pruthvi, S. Chandana, JSS College, Nanjangud, Jahnavi V. Madhu, Maharani's Science College, Mysuru, K. Deekshitha, Vidyavardhaka PG Centre, Mysuru, N.S. Tejaswini, JSS College, Nanjangud, C. Rakshith Kumar, Maharaja's College, Mysuru and J. Praveen Kumar, Citizen FGC, Nanjangud; (sitting) M.L. Akshay, Citizen FGC, Nanjangud, B. Ravi, Yoga Coach, UoM, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director (in-Charge), Department of Physical Education, UoM, C. Palani Swamy (Manager, Women Team), PE Director, JSS College, Nanjangud, Anthony Moses (Manager, Men Team), PE Director, Teresian College, Mysuru and D.R. Divya, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar PG Centre, Chamarajanagar.

Winners in Basketball Tournaments

The basketball team of MICA (Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts), captained by P.P. Kshithij, emerged winners in the Christ Cup conducted by Christ College, Mysuru and Chamundi Zone Basketball Tournament hosted by University of Mysore (UoM). Seen in the picture are (from left - standing) P.P. Kshithij, Vignesh S. Iyer, S. Shreyas, C.K. Muthalib, Pratham Shetty, Chethan Ramachandra, M. Vijay and Mohammed Ali; (sitting) PED K.J. Mohan Kumar, Principal M.N. Ponnamma and Sports Coordinator M.P. Sridhar.

MDFA 'C' Division Football

Sahad hat-tricks in Lucky XI's win

Mysuru, Feb.4- A hat-trick by left-out Sahad who scored five goals (10, 12, 22, 48, 51) helped Lucky XI to score a big 10-0 win over Kishore Football Club in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2018-19 for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULTS

Lucky XI: 10 (Sahad 10, 12, 22, 48, 51, Akash 5, Kiran 20, Karan 25, 59, Tarun 37) bt **Kishore Football Club:** 0.

Saturday's Match

Shivaji Football Club: 1 (Malik Ur Rehman 29) bt **Lucky Star Football Club:** 0.

International volleyball player feted

International volleyball player H.K. Mahesh Kumar was felicitated by Hunsur MLA A.H. Vishwanath and Assistant Commissioner Sheik Tanveer Asif during the Republic Day celebrations at Muneshwara Kavalu Maidan in Hunsur. Son of Raitha Sangha District President Hosur Krishnakumar and V.B. Mamatha of Maruthi Layout in Hunsur, Mahesh is pursuing final year B.Com at SDM College in Dharmasthala. City Municipal Council President Mahadev, Taluk Panchayat President Padmamma Basavaraju, Tahsildar Mohan, EO Krishnakumar, Jayaram, Subbarao and others were present.

Karnataka State Youth Athletic Meet

Shashikanth equals State record

Mysuru, Feb.4- V.A. Shashikanth of Bengaluru North hogged the limelight on the concluding day of the first Karnataka State Youth Athletic Meet-2019, conducted by the Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA) under the aegis of Karnataka Athletic Association (KAA) at Chamundi Vihar Stadium here yesterday, and emerged as the fastest U-18 boy in the Meet by clinching the 100m gold with a timing of 10.70s and also equalled the State record with his fine effort.

Shashikanth equalled the State record of 10.70s set by Irfan Sheikh in 2011 and also by Mohamed Sadath in 2014. Incidentally, Shashikanth had won 200m gold on the first day with a timing of 21.60s and had created a new State record erasing the previous record of 21.70s set by Mohamed Sadath in 2014. P.K. Neetha of Mysuru emerged as the fastest girl in the Meet by winning the 100m with a timing of 13.00s.

V. A. Shashikanth

RESULTS

Boys (U-18) — 100m: 1. V.A. Sashikanth (Bengaluru North), **2.** Malik Rihan (B'luru), **3.** K.P. Sharandeep (B'luru North); **400m Hurdles: 1.** B. Sharon Peter (Mys), **2.** M. Narashima (Ballari), **3.** Shanawaz (B'luru North); **400m: 1.** Mohantesh (Alva's), **2.** Arham Lunia (Arjun T&F), **3.** Deepak Jadav (Mys); **110m Hurdles: 1.** Dishanth Naik (Alva's), **2.** M. Krishik (Tumakuru), **3.** Sharon Peter (Mys); **1500m: 1.** Sangamesh (B'luru North), **2.** M.M. Sathisha (Alva's), **3.** Tushar Bhekane (Belagavi); **Triple Jump: 1.** M. Lokesh (DYES, B'luru), **2.** Rohith (Alva's), **3.** Zafar Sarwar (Belagavi); **Javelin: 1.** Kiran Nagegowda (Alva's), **2.** M. Lokesh (DYES, B'luru), **3.** Omkar B. Tirvir (Belagavi); **Long-Jump: 1.** M. Lokesh (DYES, B'luru), **2.** Mohamed Yasin (Arjun T&F), **3.** Amogh Gowda (B'luru Urban); **Discus-Throw: 1.** Nagendra Annappa Naik (Alva's), **2.** Mohith N. Rai (Mys), **3.** Karthik (B'luru North); **Shot-Put: 1.** Nagendra Annappa Naik (Alva's), **2.** Karthik (B'luru North), **3.** Rakesh Jadhav (Kalaburagi); **2000m Steeplechase: 1.** Sangamesh (DYES, B'luru), **2.** Shivaji Krsihnoj Jadhav (Dharwad), **3.** D.C. Ishwar (Dharwad).

Girls (U-18) — 100m: 1. P.K. Neetha (Mys), **2.** R. Monika (DYES, B'luru), **3.** Sanjana Anand Mallapur (Dharwad); **400m: 1.** Priya H. Mohan (Arjun T&F), **2.** Keerthana (Udupi), **3.** Shravani Bhate (Belagavi); **2000m Steeplechase: 1.** P. Chaitra (Alva's), **2.** N. Shravana (Mys), **3.** C.V. Ramya (Mys); **1500m: 1.** P. Chaitra (Alva's), **2.** Shruthi Narayan (Belagavi), **3.** C. Pushpa (Mys); **Long-Jump: 1.** Jeenath (DYES, B'luru), **2.** Manjula Rangappa (DYES, Koppal), **3.** H.J. Sandhya (Mys); **Shot-Put: 1.** Nishel Delphina Dsoza (DK), **2.** Vijayalakshmi (DK), **3.** G.K. Sonika (Mys); **High-Jump: 1.** Pallavi (Alva's), **2.** M.S. Sinchana (Alva's), **3.** N.N. Gnashree (B'luru); **5000m Walk: 1.** Dhanusha Shetty (DK), **2.** D.C. Chandana (Kodagu).

Cricket: UoM enters semi-finals

Bhubaneswar, Feb.4- Inspiring performance by M. Venkatesh (63 & two for 29) and medium-pacers K. Shashank (four for 30, Yodhan Hrudhay three for 13) enabled University of Mysore (UoM) to enter semi-finals in the Rohinton Bharia All India Inter-University Cricket Tournament 2018-19 by beating Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, by 83-runs in the quarter-finals played at Ravenshaw University Grounds in Bhubaneswar yesterday.

SCORES — UoM: 229 in 45 overs (M. Venkatesh 63, M. Varun 43, P. Vishnu 33, Madan Mohan 28, Vikas Yadhav 8 for 39) bt **MDU, Rohtak:** 146 in 31.5 overs (Subham Dahiya 77, Mrinal Mudgil 33, K. Shashank 4 for 30, Yodhan Hrudhay 3 for 13, M. Venkatesh 2 for 29).

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Ten percent quota for economically weaker sections opposed

Progressive activists to hold a mammoth rally on third week of February

Mysuru, Feb.4 (PM&SR)- Members of various Progressive Organisations have decided to hold a mammoth rally in the third week of February in city demanding the Union Government to withdraw the 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019 which grants 10 per cent quota for economically weaker sections.

A decision to this effect was taken at the round table conference on Constitutional Amendments-2019, Reservation Act, organised by Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike, in city recently.

The members have also decided to hold protest at various phases to mount pressure on the Centre against the quota accusing it as anti-constitutional and anti- social. They have also resolved to create a public awareness among people about policies, anti-democratic policies by NDA Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Urging the Centre to ensure caste -based reservation which was also demanded by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Socialist Ram Manohar Lohia, the members have also planned to launch a State-wide public movement pressing for fulfilment of their demands.

Addressing a meeting, progressive thinker and journalism Professor B.P. Mahesh Chandra Guru criticised PM Modi for granting 10 per cent quota by destroying the basic structure of the Constitution which was already questioned by the Supreme Court.

Though the previous governments at the Centre that had not come up with schemes to empower SC/STs/OBCs, they never attempted to destroy the basic tenets of Constitution that would threaten the interests of these socially backward classes, but Modi took several anti-constitutional decision that would affect the interests of downtrodden, he said. He alleged that the Prime Minister was acting under the guidance of RSS and Multi- National Companies.

"PM Modi, has not eliminated poverty by taking decisions that aims at rooting out poor in the nation, youths have been struggling without jobs, poor people were suffered by his decisions of GST and demonetisation of higher currency notes in the country", he alleged.

Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu said that the 10% reservation is a political gimmick. "Out of the total population, 97% of the people come under reservation schemes. Only 3% of the population are deprived of any reservation scheme. So, the 10% reservation for 3% population is injustice to the oppressed class. The new reservation scheme applies only for four castes," he said.

According to him, Schedule Castes have 101 castes, and there is only 15% reservation for them.

"Under Category 1, there are 28 castes and the reservation for them is 4%. Similarly, Category 2(A), which has 15% reservation, has 102 castes, Category 2(B) and Category 3(A), which has 48 castes, has 4%. 30 castes come under Category 3(B), but the reservation provided is 5%," he explained.

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dayananda Mane who also spoke on the occasion regretted for not providing jobs and houses for SC/STs/OBCs, who constitutes bulk of the country.

People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) Lakshminarayan, activists Rati Rao, former MLC K.C. Puttasidda Shetty, Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike President Yamuna, Ursu Mahasabha President Nandish Urs, Zakir Hussain and Shambaiah were present.

Discipline and hardwork is key to success: MLA

Bylakuppe, Feb.4 (Rajesh)- Asserting that discipline, determination and hardwork are key to achieving academic success, Periyapatna MLA K. Mahadev has called upon the students to keep in constant touch with their alma mater.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Milindar Samskrutika Saurabha,' the Annual Day function of Milinda School in the taluk recently.

Underlining the role of students in the growth of the country, he advised the students to imbibe the principles propagated by great personalities like Swami Vivekananda and Subhas Chandra Bose.

Rajyotsava awardee and Big Boss contestant Suma Rajkumar called upon the students to achieve something in their chosen field.

Milinda Educational Institutions President H. Govindaiah, Hon. Secretary Annaiah, Advocate G. Govindegowda, Koppa GP President Shahina Banu, Vice-President Yeshwanth Kumar, Bylakuppe PDO Shivayoga, PSI C.U. Ravi and others were present.

Applications invited for appointment of VRWs

Mysuru, Feb.4- The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications for appointment of **Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRW)** under village rehabilitation programme on honorarium basis.

They will be recruited for the post pending vacant in Navilur, Haranahalli, Kirunahalli, Doddabyalalu, Punadahalli in Periyapatna taluk, Yachenahalli and Kottegala in T.Narasipura taluk, Uddur and Maradur in Hunsur taluk, Kallambalu and Bachegowdanahalli in H.D. Kote taluk.

SSLC pass or failed, differently abled men and women, aged between 18 and 45 years are eligible to apply. Prescribed application forms will be distributed from Feb.4 to 13 at Village Rehabilitation Centre at the Office of Taluk Panchayat in respective Taluk headquarters. Interested may submit the filled-in forms before Feb.14 (5 pm).

Government officials have ample scope for serving people: Kapil Mohan

Mysuru, Feb.4 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that the foundation training for new recruits joining Government service will provide them an opportunity for understanding all aspects of Government Service, Administrative Training Institute (ATI) Director- General Kapil Mohan has said that Government service open up ample opportunities for serving the people.

He was interacting with the probationers of the 176th and 177th batch who underwent training at the ATI here recently.

Observing that Government service gives a different experience, he called upon the probationers to imbibe human values and to respond to social issues.

Pointing out that Government service will change one's personality, way of thinking as well as their lifestyle, Kapil Mohan said that ATI will impart training to officials from all departments.

Noting that with general elections round the corner, the officials will be entrusted with poll duties, he said that the recruits must understand that they are Government servants first and department officials next.

Continuing, the ATI Director-General said that Government servants apart from getting all facilities will also get an opportunity for higher studies.

Stressing on the need for optimum utilisation of Technology in all departments, he said that officials must make good use of the facilities and opportunities that they get to serve the people better.

Stating that the public will be observing functioning of Government officials, he emphasised on the need for maintaining transparency in administration.

Highlighting the do's and dont's in Government service, he said that the foundation training also educates the probationers on Government service rules and the consequences of any misconduct. Underlining the importance of maintaining discipline while in Government service, he said that Government servants must be committed to their service and not give much importance to postings.

He also called upon the probationers to make best use of what all they had learnt at the foundation training, throughout their service and earn appreciation from the public. ATI Joint Director V. Bhagyalakshmi, co-ordinators Dr. Harish, Dr. Christina Kantharaju, Pallavi Honnapura and others were present.

MCC's move to pull down Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Building

Devaraja Market Tenants oppose demolition

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (RK&BCT)- A meeting held in city yesterday called for restoration and renovation of Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market instead of demolition. Participants took objection to the move by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to recommend the pulling down the iconic Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market.

The meeting was organised by Devaraja Market Tenants' Association and Lansdowne Building Tenants Association. Over hundred members of the Associations were present.

It may be recalled here that at its monthly meeting held last week, the MCC resolved to reconstruct commercial complexes after demolition and has decided to write to the State Government seeking its nod for demolition.

Calling the move illogical, the tenants said that there are more than 100 heritage buildings in Mysuru and the MCC logic should apply to all of them. They called for the acceptance of the recommendations of Heritage Committee that has asked the MCC to renovate and restore the building.

A Government-constituted Heritage Committee opposed the demolitions and had recommended end-to-end restoration of both the structures so that they can last for another 50 years or so. Even historians and conservationists had opposed the demolition.

N.S. Rangaraju, retired Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore and Heritage Committee member, addressing the gathering during the meeting held yesterday. Others seen are Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs and office-bearers of Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building Tenants Associations.

Addressing the meeting, N.S. Rangaraju, retired professor of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, and one of the Heritage Committee members, said that the MCC was unnecessarily targeting the two buildings and this smacked of ulterior motives.

"There are over 100 heritage buildings in Mysuru that are more than 100 years old and if MCC is allowed, it will raze all of them for commercial purposes. There are over 12 temples that are more than 100 years old inside the Mysore Palace. If those temples can be renovated and maintained for their architectural heritage, even Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market can be renovated," he argued.

Prof. Rangaraju said that the MCC was not looking at the heritage value but was focussing only on commercial aspects and generating revenue. "Our Committee is in favour of restoration but ultimately, the decision has been taken by the Councillors who do not have any idea or interest in conserving heritage structures," he lashed out.

He said that most of the Devaraja Market complex was in a fairly good state. "Only a few places on the terrace, roof slab need to be restored and this damage has been caused due to poor maintenance," he said.

"Heritage buildings like Gol Gumbaz, Asar Mahal, Gagan Mahal in Vijayapura which are 500 years old, and the Lotus Temple in Hampi, which is 700 years old, are still strong, since the monuments have been maintained properly. I do not understand why the MCC was in a hurry to demolish the structures," he asked.

Traders are carrying out their usual business and thousands of people come to the Devaraja Market every day. Most of the interiors of the Market have been renovated and a small part is left out. "This renovation has been carried out by professionals and heritage experts who have years of experience in conservation aspects. It is sad that the MCC chose to ignore the recommendations of the Heritage Committee for commercial gains," he said.

Tenants Association members said that they had approached the Karnataka High Court against the demolition move and over 80 traders have filed the petitions. "The MCC has decided on demolition when the cases are pending before the Court and this amounts to contempt of Court," they alleged.

President of Devaraja Market Tenants' Association Mahadevappa and Vice President of Lansdowne Building Tenants Association Vijay Kumar and others were present.

GTD to meet tenants, stakeholders today

A meeting has been called today evening at 4 pm where the demolition issue of Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building will be discussed. The meeting will be chaired by Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) at Government Guest House at Nazarbad. Historians, heritage experts, tenants and merchants of Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building and representatives from Mysuru City Corporation will attend the meeting.

MP chairs DISHA meeting, asks officials to complete Highway works

Chamarajanagar, Feb.4- Member of Parliament R. Dhruvanarayan directed the officials concerned to complete all the ongoing National Highway development works on war footing without any delay.

Chairing the **District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA)** meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall in city yesterday, he instructed them to expedite the land acquisition and other related works within the stipulated deadline and the delay in highway development works would affect public, vehicle riders and other road users.

Expressing his displeasure about the delay in Under Ground Drainage (UGD) works on B. Rachaiah Double Road in city, he asked the officials to take up the construction immediately.

He also wanted the bureaucrats to set right the drainage problem as overflowing sewage water from the unscientifically constructed drain on the National Highway at Gundlupet town was entering the KSRTC Bus Stand. Officials must also replace the damaged street lights installed on National Highways at T. Narasipur, Gundlupet and other towns in his Parliamentary Constituency, the MP said.

Chamarajanagar MP R.Dhruvanarayan (third from left) chairing the District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall in Chamarajanagar yesterday. MLA R. Narendra, Deputy Commissioner B.B. Cauvery, ZP CEO Dr. K. Harish Kumar, ZP President Shivamma and Vice-President J. Yogesh are also seen.

Hanur MLA R. Narendra expressed his disappointment on officials for constructing unscientific road dividers on the National Highway in Kollegal town. The road divider that has been constructed on the ever-busy highway was hindering vehicular movement, he said and added that the officials must remove such unscientific road dividers to ensure smooth flow of traffic.

Referring to the improper maintenance of solar lamps installed at Puranipodi in Biligirirangana Betta (BR Hills), he asked the agencies concerned to look into such complaints and reminded them of their responsibilities to maintain the solar lamps.

MP Dhruvanarayan also reviewed the progress of MNREGA works implemented in all the taluks of his Parliamentary segment and asked the officials to implement the works effectively and ensure jobs to prevent migration and poverty alleviation. He also reviewed the progress of other Centre Sponsored schemes.

On the occasion, the MP felicitated Deputy Commissioner (DC) B.B. Cauvery, ZP CEO Dr. K. Harish Kumar, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad for handling Sulwadi Temple Prasadam Poisoning Tragedy Case of Hanur taluk successfully.

Zilla Panchayat President Shivamma, Vice- President J. Yogesh, DISHA Committee Members, all Taluk Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Presidents and district -level officials were present at the meeting.

WORD OF THE DAY

Proliferate

Pronunciation: Pruh-LIF-uh-rayt.

Meaning: To increase or cause to increase in number as if by proliferating, multiply.

Origin: Proliferate is a back-formation of proliferation. That means that proliferation came first (we borrowed it from French in the 18th century) and was later shortened to form the verb proliferate. Ultimately these terms come from Latin. The French adjective prolifere ("reproducing freely") comes from the Latin noun proles and the Latin combining form -fer. Proles means "offspring" or "descendants," and -fer means "bearing." Both of these Latin forms gave rise to numerous other English words. Prolific and proletarian ultimately come from proles; aquifer and words ending in -ferous have their roots in -fer.

Example: Put it back into the water and watch a species proliferate.

THE ODD WORD

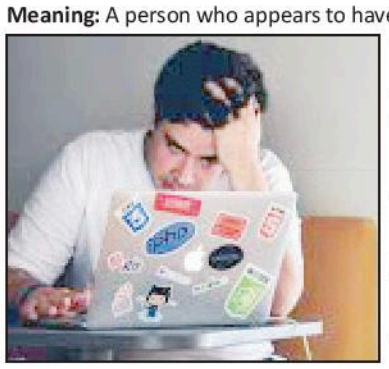
Periapt

An item worn as a charm or amulet.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Paper tiger

Meaning: A person who appears to have power but is in reality ineffectual.



Origin: This expression became known in the West as a slogan that Mao's Chinese Communist State used against their opponents, particularly the US Government. "Imperialism and All Reactionaries Are Paper Tigers." Mao didn't coin the phrase; it had been an idiom in the Chinese language for some time. The first time it is recorded in print in English is in Sir John F. Davis' book The Chinese, 1836. "A blustering, harmless fellow they [the Chinese] call, a paper tiger." Mao is credited with making many quotations, like. Women hold up half the sky, political power grows out of the barrel of the gun, let a hundred flowers bloom.

Example: The Soviet Union was suddenly revealed as a paper tiger.

QUOTE BOX

Why do you stay in prison, when the door is so wide open?

—Jalaluddin Rumi

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: I stand corrected.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	6	5	1	7	3	9	8
5	9	8	6	2	3	4	1	7
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4	6	2	9	7	5	8	3	1
9	8	3	2	6	1	7	5	4
1	7	5	3	8	4	6	2	9
6	2	4	8	3	9	1	7	5
7	5	9	1	4	6	2	8	3
8	3	1	7	5	2	9	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Gallon, in short
4 Titled lady
8 Edison monogram
11 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
12 Was unwell or was sick
14 Table scrap
15 Bus. leader
16 Parent's brother
17 Regret - in a French street!
18 Cheeni Kum star
20 Lament or groan
22 Incite, prod
24 India's celebrated athlete (1,1,4)
26 Accepted standard
27 Those who inherit?
28 Thinker of great thoughts hopefully, abbr. (2,1)
29 Gull-like seabirds with sharp-pointed wings
30 Chop or cut with axe?
33 Card game
34 Distinctive air
35 Planet with five satellites
37 Wolverine, Magneto, etc (1-3)
38 Mown grass
39 Action
41 Pig-house
42 Keen
45 Fish or sunbeam
48 Standing Room Only, abbr.
49 Bed, stratum
50 North American nation
51 Went quickly by foot
52 Electric current units
53 Plan, outline, diagram

SATURDAY'S ANSWER:

F	E	B			I	C	E		A	T	U	L
A	M	A			P	A	L		F	E	R	A
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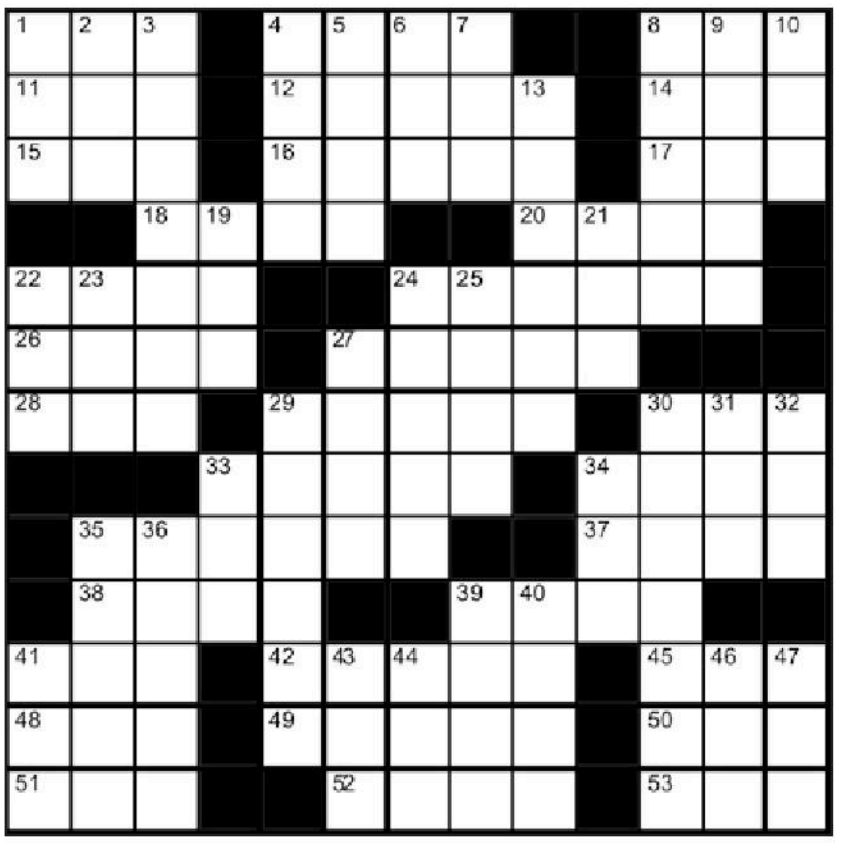
D	R	A	G		L	G	E			E	P	R

DOWN

1 General Officer Commanding
2 Malt beverage
3 Dancer's one-piece
4 Smear paint
5 Original Japanese aboriginal
6 Mem of the Leg. Council
7 Long fish
8 Holy book for the Jews
9 Ms Irani of Bollywood
10 French season
13 Objects or refuses, in a way
19 Air Data Module
21 CIA predecessor
22 Gross Natl. Prod.
23 Cry of delight
24 Sets hair by making them wavy?
25 Very small
27 Ex-India skipper Adhikari
29 ___ of Love: Dire Straits hit
30 Monotonous
31 Before, for the poet
32 Pale or sickly in colour
33 Not processed or refined
34 Get rid of
35 Extremist
36 Man-made fibre
39 Going far down
40 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
41 Part of the erstwhile Soviet Union, abbr.
43 American Auto. Assoc.
44 Gymnasium, in short
46 As bare ___ stone? (2,1)
47 A shrill bark



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LCF GFZWFL VI XFJSE N XVWF JG LV

LFUU FRFWTLCJSE

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS E

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Man always gets less than he demands from life.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bazaar	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mataash	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
KGF	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Anukta	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Bhootha Kaala	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
KGF	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
URI-The Surgical Strike	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Mashooka	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Vantha Rajavathaan Varuven	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
F2 - Fun and Frustration	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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KGF (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Tho Aisa Laga (H)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm, 9.50 pm
URI- The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.05, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am
Escape Room (E)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 9.55 pm
Manikarnika - Queen Of Jhansi (H)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
Bazaar (K)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
Mataash (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Sarvam Thalamayam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Peranbu (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Seetharama Kalyana (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Allu Ramendran (Feature Film-Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Vantha Rajavathaan Varuven (Ta)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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URI- The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Tho Aisa Laga (H)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 2.30 pm
		5.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Manikarnika - The Queen Of Jhansi (H)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Seetharama Kalyana (K)	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Escape Room (E)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 7.40 pm
Mataash (K)	(S-4)	3.35 pm
Sarvam Thalamayam (Ta)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
Vantha Rajavathaan Varuven (Ta)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Peranbu (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Bazaar (K)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 6.35 pm
Anuktha (K)	(S-4)	10.05 am
Trayodasha (K)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Allu Ramendran (Feature Film) (Ma)	(S-4)	6.40 pm

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Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga (H)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm
	3.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Escape Room (E)	11 am, 4.50 pm, 10 pm
Sarvam Thaala Mayam (Ta)	12.40 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Mataash (K)	1.20 pm
Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi (H)	3.30 pm
Peranbu (Ta)	6.30 pm
Bazaar (K)	6.45 pm
Anukta (K)	9.50 pm
Vantha Rajavathaan Varuven (Ta)	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Suttur: Valedictory of Bhajana Mela, Cattle Fair; *Theppothsava* tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.4- Following are the events to be held tomorrow (Feb.5) as part of the Annual Jathra Mahotsava at Suttur in Nanjangud:

4 am: Karthru Gadduge, Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 am:** Peace-Prayer Friendship March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Chikkagurunanjeshwara Swamiji of Sri Viraktha Mutt, Barathanuru, Kalagi taluk. Message - Sri Shivappa Swamiji of Sri Pattada Mutt, Doddaboovalli, Malavalli taluk; **8 am:** 33rd Samsmaranotsava of Jadaguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji.

10.30 am: VALEDICTORY OF THE BHAJANA MELA. Jagadguru Dr. Sri Mallikarjuna Murugharajendra Mahaswamiji of Sri Murugha Mutt, Anandapuram and Dr. Sri Mahantha Swamiji of Sri Samsthana Mutt, Jade, Sorabha taluk, will grace the occasion. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara will deliver the valedictory address. Minister for Revenue R.V. Deshpande presides.

Prize Distribution: Former Deputy Chief Minister K.S. Eshwarappa will distribute prizes for Men's Team; Minister for Small Scale Industries S.R. Srinivas (Vasu) for Children's Team; MLC Basavaraj S. Horatti for Ekathari Team and former Minister Dr. Leeladevi R. Prasad for Women's Team.

MLAs Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa and Dattatreya C. Patil Revoora, Chamarajanagar Zilla Panchayat President Shivamma Krishna, Chicago's VSNA President Srishail Hadimani, former MLA Vasu and Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath will the chief guests.

11 am: Maharudrabhisheka at Manthramaharshi and Jadaguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Gadduge.

2 pm: WRESTLING COMPETITION. Sri Mahantha Swamiji of Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha, Mahasamsthana Mutt, Devanuru and Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji of Sri Kanakaguru Branch Mutt, K.R. Nagar, will grace the occasion. Former Deputy Chief Minister R. Ashok inaugurates. Minister for Urban Development U.T. Khader presides.

'Suttur Kumara' award distribution by MLC Marithibbegowda and 'Suttur Kesari' award presentation by MLA Tanveer Sait.

MLAs R. Narendra & L. Nagendra, MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda, Sandesh Nagaraj & N. Appaji Gowda, Mysuru District Milk Union President K.G. Mahesh, Chamarajanagar District Milk Union President C.S. Gurumallappa and Mysuru Superintendent of Police Amith Singh chief guests.

5 pm: VALEDICTORY OF THE CULTURAL FAIR AND CATTLE FAIR. Dr. Sri Vishwesha Thirtha Sripadangalu of Pejawar Sri Adokshaja Mutt, Udupi and Sri Gurumahantha Mahaswamiji of Sri Vijaya Mahantheshwara Mutt, Ilkal, will grace the occasion. Former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar will deliver the valedictory address. MLA V. Somanna presides. Distribution of Medals by Minister for Welfare of Backward Classes C. Puttarangashetty, Prizes by MP Pratap Simha and Mementos by MLA Ramalingareddy.

MLAs M. Srinivas, B.C. Patil & K. Annadani, MLC R. Dharmasena,former MLA Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Vishwa Veerashaiva-Lingayath Federation President B.G. Jyothiprakash Mirji chief guests.

6.30 pm: Sri Veerbhadreshwara Kondothsava; **9 pm:** Theppothsava and Display of fireworks.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.4)

Elder Citizen's Council, Jayalakshmipuram: Talk on 'DVG's Kaggada Divige' by Vid. H.N. Chidambara Bhat, Council premises, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 32nd Anniversary Celebrations and Sri Tyagaraja-Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Vocal concert by Aneesh Bhat, accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar - violin and A. Radhesh - mridanga, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.5)

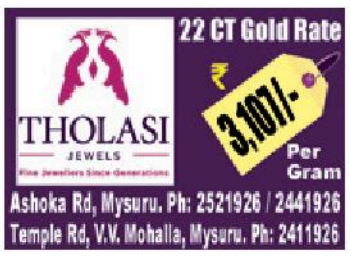
Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University Mysore (UoM) and Political Science and Public Administration Department, Sanskrit, Pali Prakrit Department, Maharaja's College: Awareness programme on 'Manuscripts,' National award winning Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao inaugurates and delivers talk, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. C.P. Sunita presides, Junior BA Hall, Maharaja's College, **11 am.**

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC): Public Hearing, Court Hall, DC's office, **11 am.**

District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture and Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Bhovi Hitharakshana Samti: Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti, Sri Niranjana Jagadguru Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji graces the occasion, Higher Education and Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, MLA L. Nagendra presides, littérateur Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna delivers talk, State Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Zilla Panchayat In-charge President S.R. Nandish, MP Pratap Simha and others chief guests, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 32nd Anniversary Celebrations and Sri Tyagaraja-Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, vocal recital by Medha Manjunath, accompanied by Amogha - violin and M.S. Jayaram - mridanga, Shri Bidaram Krishnappa Seetha Rama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Mahabharata Vanaparva' by Pt. Be.Na. Vijayindracharya, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**



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